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hello

As a citizen of this great country, I agree with providing the poorest and rural school districts a way of improving the children's lives in education. Intellectual property in the private sector. and charging a fee for using the product i.e. software is beneficial for the individual, or company who developed it. The hardware i.e.. circuitry is a one time purchase, but the software costs much more in upgrades and no production other than typing command codes for an output, then not allowing anyone to improve without charging a fee, in the public sector of education is charging the people who instruct America's future, and restricting the their abilities by charging a fee, for intellectual property is outrageous and outcry from the very people, our future leaders, to be hindered by a sum determined not by the public sector, but the commercial sector, appauls the very foundation this country is based upon.

I myself, as a voting citizen agree in part with the hardware portion of the settlement, but denying other commercial, or public entities, who have the same entitlements to provide intellectual property to be included, at Microsoft's cost an opportunity to install, and provide the same or greater level of improvement to our poorest, deprived children who hold the future of us, the retiring public a future also.

The proposal the open source entity has a great opportunity to not only improve our childrens future but also the life long learning of our citizens who are consumers of the intellectual properties and pay for the right to use, but not improve the software that benefits our lives.

Please include the proposal Red Hat Software has offered in your ammended judgement in the settlement, because its a benefit to the same people who's lives it improves, our poorest citizens and our future leaders

Sincerly;

Clyde Coffey